

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of December 14, 2009 issued in relation to the present Patent Application, the Applicant submits the below Remarks.

Claims 10-14, 17-21, 23 and 25-27 are presented for examination. Claims 10 and 17 are independent claims.

Regarding 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 Rejections

Claims 10-11, 14, 17-21, 23, and 27 are rejected under 35 USC 102(c) as being anticipated by Hiroshi (JP 2002-312149).

Claims 12, 13, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroshi in view of Vagui (US 6,474,882), and further in view of Sesck et al. (US 2004/0085568).

Examiner's Response to Applicant's arguments has been fully considered, but Applicant submits that Examiner is using impermissible hindsight to read into Hiroshi features not explicitly nor implicitly disclosed therein.

Paragraph [0020] of Hiroshi teaches that "[i]f the predetermined operation for printing directions, for example, the input of the combination of a specific key, is received from the input device 22, it has the function to send the drawing data for printing ... to the printer driver 120. In this embodiment, this function can be called now also from the printer driver 120". Thus, the "function" referred to is that of sending the drawing data for printing to the printer driver. Accordingly, the embodiment provided in Hiroshi the function of sending drawing data for printing to the printer driver can be called by the printer driver itself, in response to a button on the printer being pressed. Applicant find no teaching that the "function" refers to a combination of keys being presses, and certainly not any disclosure that the printer driver simulates the pressing of a combination of keys.

In the event that the Office maintains the 35 USC 102(c) rejection over Hiroshi, Applicant respectfully requests, in the interests of compact prosecution, that the Examiner clearly identify on the record and with sufficient specificity where in Hiroshi it is taught that the printer driver simulates a keyboard sequence. Hiroshi merely teaches that the pressing of the print button results in print data being sent to the printer driver.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, are allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,



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